

PLAIS FOR HEAVY FREIGHT TRAFFIC

The Railroad Administration Hopes to Meet Demands of Next Two Months.

The railroad administration will make every effort to meet the heavy demands for transportation during January and February and until the last day of federal control of the roads, Director General Hines asserts in a statement today to shippers of the United States.

"For the week ending January 3, 1920, the number of cars of revenue freight loaded rose to an average of 14,224 cars over the same week of 1919, and an increase of 216,269 cars over the same week of 1918," the director general says.

"There is promise of even greater increase as the winter progresses. This increase is due, doubtless, due largely to the fact that as a result of the cessation of industrial activity following the signing of the armistice, business was in abeyance in the spring of 1919, as was indicated by the fact that there were large surpluses of cars in all parts of the United States lying idle during those months. Business was again interrupted by the coal strike in November and December, but since then the accumulated business has been demanding transportation with a rush. The equipment available, despite the great use to which it has been put, is in practically normal condition at the present time and has been constantly improved since the shompen's strike in August, 1918, which materially interfered with repairs."

Increase in Cars.

In the three years preceding federal control the average number of freight cars acquired per year (including equipment rebuilt at company shops) was 97,158, and after allowing for retirements the net average addition was only 9,627 cars per year. During the two years of federal control the average number of freight cars acquired per year will be approximately 141,000, and after allowing for retirements the net average addition will be not greatly in excess of the average net additions during the preceding three years. During these two years freight cars could be acquired in addition to cars ordered prior thereto, but delivered during the period, except a total of 100,000 freight cars, all of which are included in the average per year above stated for the two years of federal control. The 100,000 cars were ordered in 1918 and represented the maximum for which material and labor could be obtained in view of the demands for other war necessities. It was impracticable in this order to provide for any additional refrigerator, stock, or flat cars, and there is an especially serious shortage in these classes of equipment. No freight cars were ordered in 1919. This was due to the clearly understood policy of Congress in favor of the early release of the railroads to private ownership and because of the resulting lack of appropriations to be used for new capital expenditures.

"To make this inadequate amount of equipment go as far as possible the railroad administration has pooled equipment in order to equalize the supply as far as possible and give all shippers as equal treatment as possible under the circumstances."

Loading Falls Off.

"The problem has been intensified by the falling off in loading per car from 1918, when under pressure of the war very heavy loading was secured. The loading per loaded freight car fell from an average of 23.2 tons in the first eleven months of 1918 to 27.8 tons for the same period of 1919, or a decrease of 43.9 per cent. This represents a loss of 67,000 tons of freight cars available for loading. This falling off has occurred in spite of continued efforts of the railroad administration, assisted by the co-operation of many shippers."

"Nevertheless the railroad administration proposes to continue to utilize to the end of federal operation all the advantages given by unified control. It wishes to give shippers the assurance and to ask their continued co-operation."

SENATOR JOHNSON OPENS HEADQUARTERS IN N. Y.

Angus McSweeney, Philadelphia Newspaper Man, Is Put in Charge.

Senator Hiram Johnson has opened headquarters in New York for conducting his campaign for the presidential nomination. In a statement Senator Johnson said:

"My campaign has been moving with such rapidity and has assumed such proportions in the east that it has been absolutely necessary for me to have a representative in New York. I am dependent, of course, in this contest, upon enthusiastic friends who believe as I do politically. I am singularly fortunate that my friend, Angus McSweeney of the Philadelphia Record-American, a journalist whose reputation is second to none, and whose very great ability and high character are well known, has consented to take charge of my interests in the east. Mr. McSweeney at once will open modest headquarters in New York, from which will be directed contests now under way in many of the eastern states. This move has become necessary because the fight has got far beyond my personal supervision. Wherever there is an opportunity to obtain a decision by the people, there we will have a fight for the republican delegates. Already in many of the states, where the rank and file of the republican party have the right of selection contests are under way, and Mr. McSweeney will direct organizations in every state with real primaries."

"I am leaving Sunday for Missouri and thereafter will go through the middle western states and into the Dakotas. On my return I shall go into New Jersey and other eastern states."

"ROOSEVELT CHURCHES" AS TRIBUTE TO A. E. F.

Two of Interdenominational Character, One in Washington, Are Planned.

NEW YORK, January 23.—A movement for the erection of two interdenominational churches as a tribute to the men who served in the American expeditionary force was announced here yesterday. One of the churches will be erected on Long Island and one in Washington. They will be called "The Roosevelt Churches."

Rev. Edgar Lawrence Hunt, until recently pastor of the interdenominational Church at Forest Hills, N. Y., and a close friend of the late Theodore Roosevelt, will have charge of the campaign for funds. Mr. Hunt resigned his pastorate in order to devote all his time to the work. The movement is wholly independent of the Roosevelt Memorial Association.

Formal launching of the campaign will be made Sunday in the Collegiate Reformed Church of St. Nicholas here, in which Col. Roosevelt held membership for many years. Speakers will include Assemblyman Theodore Roosevelt, Mrs. Douglas Robertson, a sister of the late ex-President, and Lawrence Abbott, editor of Outlook.

G.O.P. Puts Up Ticket in Richmond

RICHMOND, Va., January 23.—Republicans of Richmond, for the first time in more than a quarter of a century, will have a slate of candidates for mayor and other city offices in the field this

PASSENGER TRAFFIC GAINS IN NORTHWEST

Regional Director Presents Annual Report of Roads to Director General Hines.

Improved freight conditions followed the armistice, permitting restoration of passenger train service that had been discontinued during the war. R. H. Ashton, director of the northwestern region, says in his annual report made today to Director General Hines. A net increase of 1,299,518 passenger train miles per annum was reported by Mr. Ashton.

The freight train performance for 1919 was naturally affected with the signing of the armistice, which stopped the heavy movement of war materials and supplies to the seaboard. Mr. Ashton said. Due to serious drought in Montana, reduced rates were arranged for movement of feed into Montana to afford relief in districts where feed was not available.

"Passenger revenues in the northwestern region have been very satisfactory indeed," Mr. Ashton said. "The revenue per passenger train mile throughout the year has been well above 1918. In January we earned \$1.74 per passenger train mile, as against \$1.45 in January, 1918. In September, 1919, the revenue per passenger train mile was \$2.43, as against \$2.16 in September, 1918. The same general increase prevailed throughout."

Mr. Ashton reported that unification of terminals, consolidations and joint switching arrangements made in 1918 were continued throughout 1919, "with resulting free movement and economical handling of traffic."

ELECTION OF CATHOLIC ARCHBISHOP IS DENIED

Monsignor Schulte, Rumored as Succeeding Late Cardinal Hartman, Aided War Prisoners.

ROME, Thursday, January 22.—Reports that Mgr. Karl Joseph Schulte, Bishop of Paderborn, had been elected Archbishop of Cologne in succession to the late Cardinal Hartman are denied in a semi-official communication from the Vatican.

Bishops of the Cologne diocese have met to select three names to be submitted to Pope Benedict. It is said. Under the imperial regime in Germany a representative of the emperor participated in the meeting of bishops and had the right to veto any name proposed by the sovereign. Under the present German government the head of the German state has no voice and the selection is made entirely by the bishops. The names chosen at the meeting at Cologne have not as yet reached the Vatican. It is asserted. Mgr. Schulte is said to be persona grata at the Vatican, having been from the first of the war a leader in organizing moral and material assistance for prisoners, for which work he was commended by Pope Benedict last November. During the war he was head of a bureau of information relative to prisoners in Germany and was in direct communication with a similar organization at the Vatican.

The Foundation of the Nation is the Home.

D'ANNUNZIO FEARS HAND OF ASSASSIN

Control of Fiume Disastrous, Says His Enemy—Jugoslav Stand Pleases Rome.

FUME, January 23 (by the Associated Press).—Capt. Gabriele D'Annunzio's control of this city has been disastrous to the people, who have little food and are suffering from epidemics, according to Riccardo Zanella, opponent of D'Annunzio, and leader of the Fiuman people's party. He says the most serious danger to the city is assassination and is constantly under guard and that his action in seizing the city has resulted in international embarrassment for Italy.

Signor Zanella says President Wilson's program, by which the future status of Fiume is to be fixed, is not acceptable to the people of the city, adding that Fiume, which is not important to Jugoslavia, which has a better port at Spalato, must be Italian.

"People Sick of Regime."

"Capt. D'Annunzio has violated every principle of free government," says Signor Zanella, who was formerly mayor of the city. He has lodged his legions on our people, has troubled the city for months and has commandeered property under threats of violence. The people are sick of his regime. There is little food and much disease and suffering, while our national situation is appalling. Ninety per cent of the citizens are calling for D'Annunzio and his men to leave."

Regarding his life, D'Annunzio does not sleep in the same place as he does in succession and is at all times guarded by drift. I do not believe he will be able to remain in Fiume longer than a month. One brigade of soldiers would be sufficient to expel him and his troops. He has lost Fiume and has embarrassed Italy, which will be called upon for damages amounting into the millions."

Favors Annexation to Italy.

"Fiume accepted Gen. Badoglio's proposals as to the control of the city, but D'Annunzio refused to abide by this decision. I am in favor of annexation to Italy, but that seems impossible, so I am for the next best thing, which seems to be the plan advanced by Foreign Minister Tittoni at Paris."

We cannot accept President Wilson's plan, for we are surrounded by Slavs. We must retain our Italian character and civilization, which are threatened. The Jugoslavs have other ports, such as Spalato, which are more important to them than Fiume, and they could give way in the negotiations now going on. Fiume is not a commercial proposition; it is a question of the retention of our Italian civilization."

Jugoslav Action Pleases.

ROME, January 21.—The Giornale d'Italia says it is profoundly glad that Jugoslavia has rejected the proposed compromise on the Adriatic question, being convinced that "the best thing is fulfillment of the pact of London, which insures an eastern frontier to the Julian Alps and gives Italy Dalmatia besides the important Dalmatian islands and a protectorate over entire Albania."

"Fiume," the paper adds, "is excluded, but Fiume, with D'Annunzio, will manage its own protection."

It urges Premier Nitti to return from Paris and put down the agitation and strikes, demolish "the bolshevik machinery" ordered from abroad, and restore Italy's finances by negotiating with American banks of the republican party not merely with those of the democratic party."

The Idea Nazionale expresses similar sentiments.

HAWAII STRIKE THREAT

Increased Wages and Better Conditions Demanded on Island.

HONOLULU, T. H., January 22.—Pablo Manlapit, Filipino labor leader, said tonight that if plantations on the island of Oahu failed to grant within two days the demands of laborers for increased wages and improved working conditions he would call a strike of Filipino plantation laborers on all the islands of the Hawaiian group.

The Japanese labor federation has called a meeting for Sunday of delegates from all the islands to decide whether to strike.

Korean plantation workers have refused to leave their work.

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- Men's \$185 Fur-lined Overcoats \$155.00
- Men's \$200 Fur-lined Overcoats \$165.00
- Men's \$215 Fur-lined Overcoats \$185.00
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- Men's \$250 Fur-lined Overcoats \$215.00
- Men's \$275 Fur-lined Overcoats \$235.00
- Men's \$300 Fur-lined Overcoats \$245.00
- Men's \$80 Leather Overcoats \$69.50
- Men's \$90 Leather Overcoats \$79.50
- Men's \$100 Leather Overcoats \$89.50
- Men's \$110 Leather Overcoats \$99.50
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- Men's \$20 Patrick Mackinaws \$17.75
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- \$1.75 Corduroy Straight Pants \$1.45
- \$16.50, \$17.50 and \$18.50 Mackinaws \$13.75
- \$13.50 and \$15.00 Mackinaws \$11.75
- \$12.50 Mackinaws \$10.25
- \$2.00 and \$2.50 Plush and Velour Hats \$1.65
- \$3.50 and \$3.75 Plush and Velour Hats \$2.85
- \$5.50 to \$7.50 Plush and Velour Hats \$4.85